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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOVIET ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC
DELEGATION TO ITALY

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1. SOME ADDITIONAL INTERESTING FACTS ON SUBJECT COMMISSION MEETING
WERE OBTAINED FROM RESPONSIBLE FONOFF SOURCE.

A. AS REPORTED REF B, KOSYGIN RAISED WITH ANDREOTTI QUESTION
OF ITALIAN PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM FROM SOVIET UNION. AT
COMMISSION MEETING SOVIETS RAISED SUBJECT AGAIN AND OFFERED TO
SUBMIT FOR ITALIAN CONSIDERATION A DETAILED PROPOSAL WHICH ACCORDING
TO THE SOVIETS WOULD BE A MUCH BETTER BARGAIN THAN " THE EXPENSIVE
ENRICHED URANIUM AVAILABLE FROM THE U. S. " GOI OFFICIALS, ACCORDING
TO OUR SOURCE, RESPONDED IN A NON- COMMITTAL MANNER BUT
SAID THEY WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY SOVIET PROPOSAL.

B. DURING KOSYGIN/ ANDREOTTI TALKS, SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY
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TO ITALY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED (REF B). AGAIN AT SOVIETS INITIATIVE SUBJECT WAS RAISED AT COMMISSION MEETING. ALSO ON THIS SUBJECT SOVIETS WILL SUBMIT DETALIED PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO FONOFF THIS SUBJECT IS SOMEWHAT MORE CONTROVERSIAL. ITALIAN ELECTRICITY WORKS ENEL FAVORS SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION THIS PROPOSAL WHILE SEVERAL OTHER MINISTRIES (WHICH UNKNOWN) STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY DEAL ON ELECTRICITY WITH SOVIETS.

C. BASED ON THE COMMISSION MEETING FONOFF EXPECTS THAT EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURAL, MEDICINE, AND ENVIRONMENT WILL BE SUBSTANTIALY INCREASED.

D. APPARENTLY SOVIETS MADE SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO GET CLAUSE INTO PRESS RELEASE CALLING FOR SOVIET CREDITS AND OTHER HELP IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN ITALY. SINCE SUCH REFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE PROPAGANDA WINDFALL TO ITALIAN COMMUNISTS GOI NEGOTIATORS DID NOT TAKE TOO KINDLY TO THIS OFFER BUT AGREED TO SOVIET CREDITS, HOWEVER, WITHOUT MENTION OF SOUTHERN ITALY. VOLPE

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